

Geo. G. W. Whitfield.

Our people are truly lucky in securing so worthy a representative in Congress as Gen. Whitfield. Since his sojourn in Washington, he has labored assiduously for the interests of Kansas Territory, and by his personal popularity, he has accomplished even more than the most sanguine expected. Through his influence the citizens of Kansas have been favored with Mail facilities and through his indomitable perseverance, every act introduced for the benefit of his constituents, was forced through Congress.

Below will be found his remarks, in the House, in Committee of the whole on the state of the Union, while discussing the Senate amendment to the Indian Appropriation Bill.

The following Senate amendments being under consideration:

Sec. 5. And he further enacted, That to enable the President of the United States to carry out in good faith the recent treaties with the Ottos and Missourians, Omahas, Delawares, Ioways, Sacs and Foxes of Missouri, Kickapoos, and the United Tribes of Kaskaskias and Peorias, Piankeshaws and Weas, Shawnees, and Miami-ans, there shall be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$20,000, in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, for the execution of the surveys required by said treaties; and where the proceeds of the lands ceded by either of said treaties are required to be paid over to the Indians, the President shall cause said lands to be classified and valued; and when such classification and valuation have been made to his satisfaction, he shall cause said lands to be offered at public sale, by legal subdivisions or townlots, at such times and places, and in such manner and quantity, as to him shall appear proper and necessary to carry out faithfully the stipulations in said treaties; and said lands shall not be sold at public or private sale for a less price than that fixed by the valuation aforesaid, till otherwise directed by law: *Provided*, That the President may order a new treaty to be made with the Delawares, Ioways, Weas, Peorias, Kaskaskias, and Piankeshaws, or such of them as he may deem necessary.

The first question before the committee was upon the following pending amendments to the same, recommended by the Committee of Ways and Means:

After the words "the President shall cause said lands," insert the words "or such parts thereof as he may deem proper;" and to insert, after the words "fixed by the valuation aforesaid," the words, "nor shall any land be sold at public sale at a less price than \$1.25 per acre." And also to strike out the words "Provided, That the President may order a new treaty to be made with the Delawares, Ioways, Weas, Peorias, Kaskaskias, and Piankeshaws, or such of them as he may deem necessary."

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Whitfield] is entitled to the floor upon the amendments; but as he is not present the question will be taken, if no other person desires to discuss it.

The question was taken; and the amendments were agreed to.

The question then returned upon the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Orr, as follows:

Strike out the words "all otherwise directed by law," and insert in lieu thereof the words "for three years, and thereafter as may be directed by law, pursuant to the treaty."

The question was taken; and the amendment was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. The question now is upon concurring in the Senate amendment, as amended.

Mr. PHILIPS. I desire to offer an amendment to the amendment. I move to strike out all after the word "centies," in the fifth line, that is, all after the word "treaties" where it occurs the second time. That is the amendment which I intended to have offered yesterday, but was prevented by the committee taking a recess before the previous pending amendments were acted upon. I do not desire, however, to detain the committee now, as the remarks which I submitted, yesterday to the committee were made in view of this amendment. I will only say that the amendment proposes to strike out all that part of the Senate amendment which relates to the valuation and classification of the lands which the Delawares, Ioways, Kickapoos, and other tribes of Indians, ceded in trust to the United States.

Mr. ORR. I hope the motion of the gentleman from Missouri will not prevail. If his amendment is adopted, the effect of it will be to leave these Indians without the legislation which I attempted to show yesterday was so necessary to protect their rights and to carry out our treaty stipulation with them. I hope, therefore, his amendment will be rejected.

Mr. WHITFIELD. In taking the floor at this time, on the pending amendment, I promise the committee, at the outset, that I will not detain them with a long speech. It is known, Mr. Chairman, to the Committee on Indian Affairs that I have been opposed to this amendment from the time it was first introduced; and I desire briefly to state the grounds of my opposition to it. I am aware that in this opposition I have to contend against two or three committees of this House, and if therefore seems almost useless for me to occupy the time of the committee in the expression of my opinions. Yet I deem it my duty, as the representative of the people of Kansas—that I should repel some of the charges which were made upon them yesterday. The settlers upon the Delaware lands are charged in this House with having gone upon and occupied those lands without authority; in fact, with being trespassers, and acting in violation of law. Now, sir, what are the facts? A treaty was made with the Delaware Indians in May last. By this law settlers were invited into Kansas Territory. By both its spirit and letter they were told that they had a right to go and settle upon any lands in that Territory. That law contained no reservation of the Delaware lands or any other lands, but its direct effect was to inform the settlers that they had the right to go and settle upon any lands in the Territory of Kansas.

Previous to making the treaty with the Delaware Indians, it is well known to those who reside in the western country that from the moment the organization of Kansas and Nebraska was spoken of, a large

number of those living upon the western borders of Missouri and other States, were waiting anxiously to pass over into those Territories. It was soon announced that the bill organizing Kansas and Nebraska was passed; and, without any further announcement, these enterprising emigrants passed over into those Territories. Directly after, they learned, by the publication of your laws, that the preemption law had passed, by which the people thought they had the right given to them to settle upon lands in those Territories, for so the law itself expressly provides. This treaty with the Delawares was made in May, and ratified sometime in July or August. Before the publication of the treaty, however, the people of Kansas heard that Attorney General Cushing had decided that the settlers had no right to go there, notwithstanding they were already there under the published law.

In regard to this opinion of Attorney General Cushing, it does not, perhaps, become so humble an individual as myself to speak, as I can scarcely venture to put my opinion in opposition to that of so distinguished and learned an officer. But I will nevertheless say, that I do not concur in that opinion, without now entering fully into an explanation of the grounds of my position. If I had time, and a more favorable opportunity, I would do so, yet with becoming diffidence and respect, My present purpose is to be accomplished by a direct, fervent, and unflinching appeal to the people of the Territory, and my own.

By the Delaware treaty, as I understand it, the Government of the United States holds nothing in trust but the money to be realized from the sale of the lands. By the first article the Indians transferred their lands and vested the absolute right of soil and occupation in the United States. This was coupled with no condition, but left the lands subject only to the general legislation of Congress, to be governed, as to occupancy and settlement, by the general law. Yet notwithstanding this, the committee have come to the determination, at least I think they have, to pass this amendment. Now, what will be the result? Why, it would be this: that you will now exempt these lands from the general law and shut out from Kansas Territory the settlement of perhaps the very finest portion of that Territory. You will have one law for the people of that Territory, and another for all other citizens of the United States.

It is a law upon the statute-book, applicable to all other lands in the United States, but not applicable to these Delaware lands upon which, by its very terms, you have invited these emigrants to settle. To say nothing now of the policy of such legislation as this, it may be well to inquire how far it is competent, under our form of Government, for the treaty-making power to impose conditions and restrictions upon the law-making power. The latter includes all questions of domestic policy, and when it extends its authority over the whole Union. But the former, under our form of Government, is strictly speaking, and although what it does is the primary law of the land, yet it cannot, under the Constitution, exercise any legislative authority. It may bind the United States, as a whole, to a foreign Government, or an Indian tribe, but then the thing to be done or not to be done must not be in conflict with the general and domestic law, it must not change or limit that law. There can only be a delegation of legislative department. As in the case I am now discussing, the general law, passed by both branches of Congress, extends the right of pre-emption over all the lands in Kansas, yet this treaty, made by the President and Senate, limits this right to particular portions of the Territory. I submit that these are grave questions, into the full discussion of which I shall not now enter. But the mere presentation of them are well calculated to excite the inquiry, as to how far it is in the constitution of the President and Senate to limit and restrain the right of legislation which is lodged, not in the States merely, but in the people of all the States.

But what do you accomplish by this amendment, if it passes? You gain nothing, and do much injury to the settlers. You produce confusion that will neither benefit Indian nor settler. Mr. Chairman, I have done all that I could since I have occupied a seat upon this floor to promote the interest of the country, and to the advantage of the settlers and Indians. I have said to them, as I now say to this committee, that the white settlers of Kansas are willing to pay a fair price for this land. Do you believe, Mr. Chairman, that the Government can sell it for more than \$1.25 per acre? If that be the expectation of gentlemen, they will be disappointed—and yet you now propose to act under an impression that they will produce a much larger sum. And by thus acting you will impose hardships upon these settlers who did not receive their property from the Government before they went upon the lands of the restrictions which you are now seeking to impose. The people who went there in May and July went there and settled upon these lands as honestly as any men ever did elsewhere. There was no publication informing them that they had no right to go there until they had actually settled and put improvements upon the land. Deprive them of their land, and you take from them what has been purchased by their last dollar, and turn their wives and children out to endure the inclemency of the season in a wild country. In their name I ask for justice; nothing more. They do not ask the land as a gift, but they do ask that no more than a fair price shall be demanded for it. They do ask that, as they have been invited by the general law to settle upon these lands, that they may enjoy all the privileges and advantages extended to them by that law; and that they may not be deprived of rights which have been said to other citizens of the United States. They are devoted to the Government, and I beseech you that you do nothing to weaken the confidence they now feel in the impartiality and integrity of your legislation.

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Mr. Hardy—I have used and known to be used your Eye Balm in numbers of cases of sore eyes, some of one and two years standing, and it effects a cure in every case. Cases of short duration it cures in less time than I thought possible for any remedy to have done it. It is and it has been produced. I am a physician, and I can not procure it from agents, can have it sent to me by mail, by addressing "St. Louis—us, for \$1 we send five boxes—Price 25 cents per box."

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A. P. LADEW & CO., Type Founders and Dealers in Paper, 31 and 33 Locust street, St. Louis, Mo.; Press Depot—Shark Alley, call the attention of Printers and Publishers to their Establishment, where will be found every variety of Type, Paper, Ink, Printing Presses, Rule, Borders, Flowers, and every other article used in the Printing Office.

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Swiss and Jaconet Bands; Corner Tuck and Side Combs; Card Cases; Port-Monnaies; Hair-and-Gentle-rubbers, and Bone combs; Turkey and checked Handkerchiefs; Swiss, Jaconet, Thread and cotton Edgings and Insertions;

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Frock and Dress coats; Overcoats of all qualities and styles; Black, Plaid and Fancy cassimere Pants; Black, Plaid and Fancy Sateen Pants; Black Satin and Fancy Silk Vests; Black